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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: IDEALIST/TACKLE Route Briefing for Under Secretary  
for Political Affairs, U. Alexis Johnson

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1. On 24 January 1970 the undersigned, along with

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[REDACTED] Office of Special Activities, and Mr. Wymberley  
Coerr, State Department, briefed Under Secretary Johnson on all  
currently approved [REDACTED] mission routes.

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2. Under Secretary Johnson was satisfied with the routes (all  
at least 20 nautical miles from the mainland but some legs closer to  
small islands) and indicated that it would not be necessary for him to  
again review each route at the time of mission alert.

3. It was agreed that Under Secretary Johnson would not review  
new mission routes, which would replace those currently approved,  
unless the legs were moved significantly closer to the mainland. The  
undersigned agreed to advise Mr. Coerr at time of route changes and  
to brief Mr. Coerr if routes are moved closer to the mainland.

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DONALD H. ROSS  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director of Special Activities

NRO review(s) completed.

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